

SENATE BILL 662

By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33,
relative to non-emergency services for mental
health care and to enact the "Access to Non-
Emergency Behavioral Health Services for
Uninsured Tennesseans Act of 2007".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, Chapter 6, is amended by adding
Sections 2 through 4 of this act as a new part thereto.

SECTION 2. This act shall be known as and may be cited as the "Access to Non-
Emergency Behavioral Health Services for Uninsured Tennesseans Act of 2007".

SECTION 3. The purpose of this part is to create a program to provide improved
statewide access to timely and appropriate behavioral health services for uninsured individuals
who are in need of such services but are not determined to be experiencing a psychiatric crisis.

SECTION 4. The department of mental health and mental retardation shall consult with
the department of finance and administration to develop a program to improve statewide access
to non-emergency behavioral health services for uninsured individuals. The recommendations
presented in the "Report to the House Health and Human Resources Committee and the
Senate Health and Welfare Committee" dated January 15, 2007, pursuant to Public Chapter
812, Public Acts 2006, shall serve as the basis for the development and financing of such
program and the department of mental health and developmental disabilities shall have
responsibility for its administration and monitoring.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.